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sanction of the authority of Christ. It would be far better to let each recommendation rest on its own inherent adaptation to human wants and not load Christianity with the responsibility for individual speculations and experimental inventions.

Thoroughly sound is the author's conclusion that the primary social function of the church is to transform and fraternize society by working as directly as possible upon the higher nature of man, without excluding the value of other agencies of progress in which disciples of the Master may properly engage.

It is to be hoped that the same writer will give to us a similar study of the social teachings of the epistles.

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#### LITERARY NOTES.

THE American Baptist Publication Society announces a *Pronouncing Teacher's Bible*, bound in flexible morocco, in every way perfect. Its chief feature consists in the separation of each proper name into syllables, with its appropriate accent. The price is \$3.25, postpaid, and the binding is guaranteed by the society for one year. The same society has published a new and revised edition of the *Harmony of the Acts of the Apostles* by George W. Clarke, D.D. The text used is that of the Baptist Publication Society, and is arranged in such a way as to give a continuous history of the life of Paul, without the insertion of his epistles. The text is followed by a number of discussions as to the chronological questions involved, and an entirely new part of the book consists of the addition of the epistles of the New Testament in their chronological order. We notice that in the map prefixed to the volume the North Gelatin theory is retained. The preface states that the ground for this lies in the author's belief that the southern theory is not sufficiently established.

Another volume published by the society contains five addresses by Nathan Shepard, *Heroic Stature*, in which he deals with Luther, John Wesley, Norman MacLeod, Finney, and Latimer. In these essays he has combined a number of interesting anecdotes, and they are written in Mr. Shepard's characteristic style. It would pay any clergyman to read these essays, especially those upon MacLeod and Finney. And in this connection attention may once more be called to Mr. Shepard's earlier book, *Before an Audience*, as one containing much sensible advice to public speakers.